

### Timeline/Background:

**October 2011** – EOC received information from the former chair of the State Board of Education, Dr. Gerrita Postlewait on the Board’s Statement of Purpose, *Encouraging Innovative Practice in SC Public Schools*. The State Board adopted a policy to encourage and recognize districts and schools that are moving to a new “learning paradigm, shaping a new learning-centric, personalized system of education so that each individual – from early childhood through adolescence – is prepared for life, work, and citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

**November 2011** – EOC publishes *A Review of South Carolina’s K-12 Public Education Laws, Regulations, and Policies for Innovation and Flexibility*.

**December 2011** – EOC adopts innovation as one of its legislative agenda priorities, supporting the State Board of Education’s policy on innovation and offering to assist in the implementation of the program, serving on the Steering Committee.

**January 2012** – Steering Team formed to determine approach to systemic change that would transform South Carolina’s education. To date, included on the Steering Team are:

- Melanie Barton – EOC
- Dr. David Blackmon – Former Education Professor at Coker College and incoming Chair of State Board of Education
- Mike Brennan – President, BB&T of South Carolina and member of State Board of Education and incoming Chairman of SC Chamber of Commerce
- Trip DuBard- SC Future Minds
- Dr. Don Gordon – Executive Director, The Riley Institute at Furman University
- Don Herriott – Director of Innovista Partnerships and member of SC Board of Economic Advisors
- Dr. Penny Fisher – Superintendent, Greenville County Schools
- Dr. Gerrita Postlewait – Former Chair, State Board of Education
- Jim Reynolds – Chairman, SC Chamber of Commerce and CEO, Total Comfort Systems
- Chad Walldorf – Co-founder, Sticky Fingers Restaurant Group and Chair of SC Board of Economic Advisors
- Dr. Karen Woodward – Superintendent, Lexington School District One
- Dr. Mick Zais or his designee – State Superintendent of Education

**February 13, 2012** – EOC releases *A Wake-Up Call for South Carolina*, documenting lack of progress made toward the 2020 Vision.

**May 2-3, 2012** – Individuals from departments of education from Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire and Wisconsin have been asked to come to Columbia and present information on their state’s innovation initiatives. These states are part of the Innovation Lab Network.

**June 11, 2012** – National experts, who work outside traditional public education, will address the EOC during its regularly scheduled meeting.